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Introduction

1. According to its mission statement, the technical cooperation programme in the field of human rights is a United Nations programme implemented under the leadership of the High Commissioner for Human Rights aimed at assisting Governments, at their request, in promoting and protecting human rights at the national and regional levels. In particular, assistance is provided on incorporating international human rights standards in national laws, policies and practices and building national capacity and regional structures for the promotion and protection of all human rights, democracy and the rule of law. All assistance provided by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) under the technical cooperation programme is based on the international standards contained in the human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations and on international practice in applying those standards in all regions of the world. Programme activities are carried out within the context of national development objectives and coordinated United Nations system assistance in support of those objectives.

2. Technical cooperation activities are carried out exclusively within the framework of the relevant legislative mandates and at the request and with the agreement of the Government concerned. Activities under this programme are not made conditional on the acceptance of, or participation in, other activities of the human rights programme. Technical cooperation activities, however, do not exempt Governments from the various monitoring mechanisms or procedures which may be established by policy-making bodies.

3. Under the technical cooperation programme, requesting Governments are assisted in building national capacity to implement applicable international human rights standards, including those which are contained in the various human rights treaties. The programme offers a wide range of human rights assistance to requesting Governments including: the creation and strengthening of national human rights institutions; human rights training and support to parliament, the judiciary, and police, military and prison officials; constitutional assistance; legislative reform and the administration of justice; the establishment and strengthening of national human rights institutions; the human rights aspects of free and fair elections; the promotion of human rights education, including curriculum development; and support to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society institutions. Expert advice and assistance is also available for specific human rights issues, such as the formulation and implementation of comprehensive human rights national plans of action; compensating victims of human rights abuses; and assisting with projects relating to economic, social and cultural rights and the right to development.

4. Technical cooperation projects are developed in close cooperation with the requesting Government and the United Nations agencies present in the country concerned. Assistance may take the form of expertise, advisory services, training courses, workshops and seminars, fellowships, grants and the provision of information and documentation. Implementation of comprehensive, long-term projects may require the presence of project experts based in the country. In carrying out technical cooperation activities, OHCHR draws upon a roster of experts having specialized knowledge and experience in key areas addressed under the programme. The expertise developed among staff members is also used to implement technical cooperation activities.

5. Under the programme, major human rights activities are also carried out at the regional level, including, for example, human rights training for government officials and representatives of civil society organizations; support for regional networks; and the establishment and strengthening of regional human rights arrangements. At the global level, activities include various human rights education initiatives, and human rights training for the military and peace-keeping operations, as well as for international civil servants, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

6. Several manuals, handbooks and modules are being produced to support training and other technical cooperation activities of the programme. Existing or planned materials are aimed at specific audiences, such as the police, judges and lawyers, prison personnel, the armed forces, teachers and human rights monitors involved in United Nations field operations. Special materials are also produced under the programme which are adapted specifically to the recipient country in order to facilitate the integration of human rights into existing training programmes and curricula.

7. The High Commissioner has established that the programme should focus on countries or regions in transition to democracy. Priority is also given to technical cooperation projects responding to the needs of less developed countries. Other important factors determining possible programmes of technical cooperation that OHCHR provides to Member States at their request are: specific recommendations made by the United Nations human rights treaty bodies; recommendations by the Commission on Human Rights and its mechanisms, including the representatives of the Secretary-General, the special rapporteurs on thematic or country situations and the various working groups; the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights (established pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/38); and the views expressed by national human rights institutions and national and international NGOs.

8. Funding for the technical cooperation programme is provided under the regular budget of the United Nations with additional financial support being provided by the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation. Specific projects are sometimes funded or co-funded by other agencies and programmes of the United Nations system.

9. Following a steadily increasing number of requests for assistance by Governments, the technical cooperation activities implemented by OHCHR have grown in recent years. In an effort to respond effectively to the increase in requests, the management of the programme has been strengthened and greater emphasis has been placed on effective methodology and efficient project formulation, management, monitoring and evaluation to ensure the high quality of projects carried out under the programme.

10. Technical cooperation projects are approved by the High Commissioner following the advice provided by the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund, which also monitors programme expenditures. Status reports on the Voluntary Fund and on project activities are prepared quarterly and made available to Member States to ensure maximum transparency and accountability in the management of technical cooperation.

11. It is the policy of the High Commissioner that all assistance provided under the technical cooperation programme must be carried out in close coordination with other United Nations bodies and agencies. This requires a permanent dialogue with those agencies and programmes most directly concerned so as to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the programme and avoid unnecessary duplication. In 1997, for example, several projects to establish national institutions were implemented jointly by OHCHR and UNDP with resources from both organizations. In addition, the programme provided substantive input in the drafting of Country Strategic Notes in several countries at the request of the United Nations Resident Coordinator. Under the United Nations programme approach outlined in General Assembly resolution 44/211, the technical cooperation programme works closely with United Nations agencies and programmes active in the country concerned, cooperating with the Organization's Resident Coordinator in ensuring that the OHCHR contribution is part of a coordinated United Nations system intervention and complementary to the projects of other actors in support of the Government's goals, programmes and plans of action. In every case, the focus is on coordinated national capacity building, aimed at sustained development progress and the eventual obsolescence of external assistance.

12. Similarly, OHCHR works closely with regional organizations, such as the Council of Europe, the Organization of African Unity and the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Commission, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, in the implementation of technical cooperation projects within specific regions.

13. In accordance with his mandate to consolidate system-wide efforts for the provision of human rights technical assistance, the High Commissioner has stressed that the integration of human rights - including the right to development - into the full range of United Nations technical cooperation activities, offers the best means of achieving an environment, at the national and international levels, in which human rights can be fully respected and effectively protected.

I. THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME IN 1997

14. The present report to the Commission on Human Rights focuses on activities undertaken in 1997, with particular emphasis on new developments and trends. More detailed information, including the specific types of assistance available under the programme, is available in Human Rights Fact Sheet No. 3 (Rev. 1), Advisory Services and Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights. Further information on the technical cooperation programme, including many projects which are referred to in the present report, may be found on the United Nations Human Rights Website (Internet address: http://www.unhchr.ch).

A. Programme and budget overview

15. During 1997, a total of 43 technical cooperation projects were carried out, of which 25 were at the national level, 9 were at the regional level and 9 at the global level. In addition to developing and managing those projects, technical cooperation staff developed potential projects (usually requiring a needs assessment or project formulation mission) in 10 other countries and provided support to OHCHR field presences and United Nations field operations. A summary of activities carried out in 1997 by country, region and at the global level, is provided in annex I.

16. As for financial resources, the total expenditure for technical cooperation in 1997 was US$ 6.6 million, of which US$ 1 million was financed through the regular budget of the United Nations and US$ 5.6 million was financed through the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights. Contributions made to the Voluntary Fund in 1997 amounted to US$ 3.9 million. As of December 1997, total programming resources amounted to US$ 6.5 million, while US$ 18.4 million was required to finance a total of 67 ongoing and planned projects. During the past year, additional funding requirements for those projects have risen from US$ 7.4 million to US$ 11.9 million. Information on income and expenditures for 1997 under the Voluntary Fund is provided in annex II. Contributions to the Fund in recent years are listed in annex III.

17. As of 31 December 1997, a total of 53 projects were either being implemented or had been approved and were scheduled to begin in 1998. The distribution of projects and projected expenditures by region is shown in table 1.

Table 1. Technical cooperation projects and projected expenditures by region (as of 31 December 1997)

REGION	NO. OF PROJECTS	EXPENDITURES US$
Africa	11	6 750 251
Asia and the Pacific	8	3 862 312
Central and Eastern Europe	6	1 974 218
Latin America and the Caribbean	11	4 410 695
Interregional	2	512 352
Global	15	4 420 345
Total	53	21 930 173

B. Administration and management

18. Significant changes were introduced in 1995 to the working methods employed under the technical cooperation programme. OHCHR adopted the "logical framework method" of project formulation, the leading methodology for project design now being used by most major international organizations in the field of technical cooperation, in an effort to improve the quality of projects. Subsequently, all technical cooperation staff were trained in project design, management, monitoring and evaluation. In 1996, the new procedures and methodology were applied and fully integrated into the programme. In 1997, the formats, guidelines and procedures for the programme were further strengthened with the addition of a Mission Statement; Guiding Principles for Technical Cooperation, and Criteria and Priorities for Technical Cooperation. These and other important policy documents are to be included in the High Commissioner's Website.

19. Consultants are hired for short-term assignments to support various technical cooperation activities in the field. During 1997, 147 consultancies specializing in various areas of expertise were engaged by the programme. Consultants from developing countries represented 53 per cent of the total and women accounted for 23 per cent.

20. Comprehensive reports continue to be issued each quarter (in English only) covering the status of all ongoing and planned project activities, as well as the status of contributions to the Voluntary Fund. The reports are also available on the High Commissioner's Website.

C. New developments in technical cooperation

21. Under the new structure of the OHCHR, which was effective as of 1 February 1998, the Advisory Services and Field Activities Methodology Team has overall responsibility for the technical cooperation programme in the Activities and Programmes Branch. In particular, the team will ensure:

- the effective management of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation (VFTC), including the servicing of the Board of Trustees for the Fund;

- staff capacity for managing the technical cooperation project cycle for all ongoing and pipeline projects in a timely manner;

- the application of effective policy and procedures for technical cooperation;

- that policy based on transparent criteria is applied in the consideration of new requests for technical cooperation assistance; and

- the implementation of the Human Rights Fellowship Programme and all global and interregional projects.

22. The team, which works in close cooperation with the geographic desks, will also have overall responsibility for effective support for human rights field presences, including guidance and support for technical cooperation activities which are implemented by OHCHR field offices. One of the main objectives of the new structure is to ensure that the technical cooperation programme is fully integrated into all aspects of work undertaken within the OHCHR.

D. Increased coordination and cooperation at the international level

23. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is presently implementing numerous technical cooperation projects at the regional and global levels in close cooperation with other United Nations entities, as well as regional organizations. Recent examples include the following:

- a project in cooperation with UNDP to strengthen regional cooperation among national human rights institutions in the Commonwealth of Independent States, as well as in Eastern and Central Europe;

- a regional project on human rights training for heads of military academies in Africa, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity;

- a one-year project, in cooperation with the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) to collect data on human rights conditions in prisons in Central America, as well as to assess needs. A seminar is planned to discuss the findings and devise regional and national strategies for improving the prison systems in Central American countries;

- a two-year project, in cooperation with the Andean Commission of Jurists (CAJ) to strengthen the administration of justice in the Andean region through the development of a database of judicial indicators; the creation of a regional information network; and the training of magistrates;

- a two-year project providing support for the rule of law in Palestine, including the secondment of a staff member as a special adviser to the United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories, whose Office coordinates rule of law assistance from 17 bilateral and multilateral donor agencies active in Palestine;

- in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Eastern Slavonia, a major training course on human rights monitoring and law enforcement for International Police Task Force (IPTF) members of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and for civilian police monitors of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Eastern Slavonia (UNTAES);

- a two-year project, in cooperation with UNESCO, to implement the Plan of Action for the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004; and

- a number of projects, in cooperation with the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations and (for one of the projects) UNHCR and the ILO Training Centre, on peacekeeping and human rights for military and civilian police trainers.

E. New approaches to cooperation within the United Nations system

24. In accordance with the mandate of the High Commissioner and pursuant to the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly, the Office of the High Commissioner has deepened the ongoing dialogue with other United Nations entities with a view to integrating human rights concerns into all aspects of the Organization's work and to enhance system-wide coordination in promoting human rights, democracy and the rule of law. To that end, the Office has developed a number of new joint initiatives with many United Nations agencies and programmes, some of which are described in the preceding paragraph. Consultations with UNDP in particular have led not only to more joint projects but also to new cooperative arrangements that are expected to be finalized in 1998. One particularly innovative joint OHCHR-UNDP project to be implemented in 1998 will base a Human Rights Regional Programme Adviser in southern Africa. The Adviser will work closely with Governments and United Nations Resident Coordinators in the subregion with a view to advising and assisting Member States build national capacity in human rights, democracy and rule of law issues.

25. Another notable development has recently resulted from discussions between the Office, the United Nations Centre for International Crime Prevention, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and others with a view to closely coordinating assistance in the area of the administration of juvenile justice. Those discussions produced the detailed Guidelines for Action on Children in the Criminal Justice System, which were adopted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/30, on the administration of juvenile justice. In that resolution the Council invited the Secretary-General to establish a coordination panel on technical advice and assistance in juvenile justice as foreseen in the guidelines. The panel is to consist of representatives of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNICEF, UNDP, other relevant United Nations organizations and interested regional and non-governmental organizations. It will focus its work in particular on follow-up to requests received from Member States pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

26. Most recently, the Secretary-General stated in his report of 14 July 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950), that better coordination of human rights-related assistance among the United Nations entities concerned would enhance the impact of those activities and reduce their overall costs. To that end, he directed the High Commissioner for Human Rights to undertake an analysis of technical assistance provided by the United Nations entities in areas related to human rights and to formulate proposals for improving complementarity of action (ibid., paras. 200 and 201). The analysis will provide an overview of

United Nations technical cooperation activities in areas that have a bearing on human rights and the rule of law; develop a better understanding of United Nations mandates and capacities in this field, including the comparative advantages of the various agencies and programmes concerned; identify the needs for closer inter-agency cooperation and coordination in order to avoid duplication; identify gaps and weaknesses in present arrangements with respect to programme content, target beneficiaries, funding and project administration; and identify ways to respond better to existing needs as to the quality, consistency and timing of United Nations assistance in the field of human rights and related areas. Steps have been taken by the High Commissioner to begin the exercise, which is expected to be completed in early 1998. There will be close consultation between her Office and United Nations partners throughout the process. An inter-agency meeting of high-level experts may be convened by the High Commissioner in order to discuss the final report and to identify steps to be taken to implement the recommendations contained therein.

F. Assistance to national human rights institutions

27. Both the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights have recently requested the High Commissioner to accord priority to the establishment and strengthening of national human rights institutions. Such assistance is now a major component of the technical cooperation programme and is provided, in particular, by and through the Special Adviser on National Institutions, Regional Arrangements and Preventive Strategies to the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The assistance is generally financed by contributions to the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation which are often specifically earmarked for national institutions. OHCHR activities in support of national institutions can be broadly divided into two areas: the provision of practical advice and assistance to those involved in the establishment of new national institutions or the strengthening of existing ones; and facilitating international and regional meetings of national institutions. In 1997, assistance to such meetings included regional forums in Asia and Africa and a global conference held in Mexico.

28. With regard to the establishment or strengthening of national institutions, a large number of countries, particularly in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, were the focus of technical cooperation initiatives in 1997. Establishing an appropriate constitutional or legislative foundation for any new national institution is of primary importance as it is essential that the institution will be able to respond adequately to the needs of the community it is being established to serve. In recognition of the importance of the pre-establishment phase, the Special Adviser provided preliminary advice or assistance to a large number of countries currently considering or actually establishing a national human rights institution. During 1997, those countries included Armenia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Fiji, Georgia, Liberia, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritius Mongolia, Moldova, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

29. Assistance is also provided to recently established national institutions. In South Africa, the Human Rights Commission is a central focus of the OHCHR technical cooperation project. A substantial project of technical assistance to the Latvian Human Rights Office is currently being implemented. In 1997, a needs assessment mission was sent to arrange a

comprehensive programme of support for the new Ugandan Human Rights Commission and a technical cooperation project has subsequently been prepared, in close consultation with the Commission. Advice and assistance has also been provided to the new Human Rights Commission in Zambia. Other national institutions which have worked in cooperation with activities sponsored by the High Commissioner include those in India, Indonesia and the Philippines. In many of these countries, the OHCHR is consulting and cooperating with UNDP in recognition of the close relationship between human rights, good governance and sustainable development. The High Commissioner has also encouraged the formulation of projects conducted in close cooperation with bilateral donors.

G. Methodology

30. OHCHR, in most cases, responds to a Government's request by conducting an assessment of the country's particular needs, priorities and capacities in the field of human rights. This is usually done by fielding a needs assessment mission consisting of both staff and consultants. The assessment team meets with interested parties, both governmental and non-governmental, in close cooperation with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, United Nations agencies and programmes, as well as local donors, and compiles detailed information on current policies, legislation, and human and financial capacities in key areas. The team thereby ensures that there is a clear understanding of government priorities, objectives, programmes and plans of action. The subsequent report provides the framework for developing possible future technical cooperation activities to strengthen national efforts in identified areas and contribute to the achievement of national objectives, ensures coordination with existing or planned assistance from other donors and sometimes facilitates additional support from other international sources. In 1997, needs assessment missions were undertaken in Gabon, Mali and Panama.

31. Following the needs assessment mission report, OHCHR is usually requested to develop, in partnership with the Government, a project document focusing on the problems to be addressed and solved by the project. The document describes the situation which required the development of a project and the reasons the project is initiated; outlines the plan of what will be done and what will be produced when and by whom; and assesses the situation that is expected to exist when the project ends. The project document is also a contract outlining the obligations of each partner in the project; provides the basis for accountability; includes a guide to planning and implementation; and provides the framework for evaluation and the criteria by which the success of the project will be assessed.

32. Project formulation missions are undertaken by the responsible staff to enable them to consult closely with the Government and other partners on the final design of the proposed project, including problem analysis and definition, the identification of the intended solution and a strategy for achieving it. The mission also outlines the most appropriate inputs and implementation arrangements for the production of project outputs; the risks involved and how they can be avoided; and what financial resources are needed from OHCHR and the Government concerned. In 1997, project formulation missions were undertaken in Gabon, Lesotho, FYR Macedonia, Madagascar, Russia, Uganda, Tanzania and Yugoslavia (for a global project).

33. In countries where a multi-year, multi-component technical cooperation project is to be implemented, a project steering committee is usually established, consisting of representatives of the main counterparts to the project, including government ministries, concerned United Nations agencies, national human rights institutions and, as appropriate, a representative of NGOs. The Committee meets periodically to review specific project developments and make recommendations concerning the timing and content of upcoming activities. The Committee may also recommend new activities in related areas in order to maximize the objectives of the project. The Committee ensures that the direct recipients of the project reflect the ethnic and gender composition of the country.

34. As part of standard procedures and working methods in place since 1995, periodic monitoring missions are usually undertaken annually. The purpose of such missions is to record progress, to ensure efficient and effective project implementation, to identify any problems with a view to adapting project activities accordingly and to adjust to new needs and conditions not foreseen at the design stage. Project monitoring missions are usually combined with staff participation in training and other project activities. In 1997, project monitoring missions were undertaken in Armenia, El Salvador, Moldova, Palestine, Panama (regional project), Papua New Guinea, Paraguay and Togo.

35. The final phase of a project cycle is a project evaluation once all activities provided for under the project have been completed. All evaluations are carried out by independent consultants, who assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability of the project activities and results. This process ensures that lessons learned are applied in the design and implementation of future projects, both in the country concerned and elsewhere. During 1997, independent evaluations were carried out in connection with projects in Benin, Equatorial Guinea, Mongolia, Poland and Yugoslavia (global project).

36. Summaries of project evaluations are included in the quarterly status reports on the technical cooperation programme.

H. Support to the Voluntary Fund

37. The Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation was set up in 1993, pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/87, to advise the Secretary-General on the administration and operation of the Fund and to encourage contributions to the Fund. As at 31 December 1997, the Board was composed of the following members: Ms. Leila I. Takla (Egypt), Chairperson; Mr. Luis Pérez Aguirre (Uruguay); Ms. Anne-Marie Lizin (Belgium); Mr. Kinhide Mushakoji (Japan); and Mr. Krzysztof Skubiszewski (Poland). The Board is serviced by OHCHR under the technical cooperation programme.

38. In 1997, the Board held its seventh and eighth sessions from 23 to 25 July and from 1 to 3 December, respectively. During its meetings and through correspondence, the Board considered 16 new project proposals; reviewed 9 recently completed and current projects and activities; discussed project priorities, formats and procedures, and criteria for project identification, formulation and evaluation; and examined financial and administrative matters concerning the Fund. The reports of the Board are

available from the Secretariat and will eventually be included on the United Nations Human Rights Website. Since its establishment, the Board has played a crucial role in setting up and operationalizing efficient and transparent management procedures.

I. Fellowship programme activities

39. Participants in fellowship activities receive intensive specialized training on a variety of human rights issues. Given the importance of the reporting process under the United Nations human rights treaties and the large number of reports which are overdue from States parties, and the assistance needs expressed in this area by numerous Member States, the fellowship programme focused in 1997 on the theme "Reporting under the international human rights treaties". A comprehensive 10-day training programme was conducted at the Central European University in Budapest. Twenty-five fellows from 22 countries attended.

40. A regional training course in Spanish on reporting under the human rights treaties is planned for 1998. National courses on reporting were held in 1997 in El Salvador, Ecuador and Honduras.

J. Training materials developed to support technical cooperation

41. As part of its efforts to tailor training of trainers' courses for specialized audiences, OHCHR is developing a series of training manuals for use by both instructors and participants. Each manual contains the international standards relevant to the target audience, together with detailed advice on appropriate pedagogical techniques. In addition to enhancing training efforts carried out under the technical cooperation programme, the manuals constitute a valuable resource for organizations and individuals involved in human rights education at all levels.

42. In addition to a major training package for the police which was finalized recently, OHCHR is planning to produce six more packages to support training activities for other key professional groups. The effort is part of the technical cooperation project in support of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, and focuses on: prison officers; primary and secondary schoolteachers; legal professionals (judges, magistrates, prosecutors and lawyers); national and local NGOs; the media; and human rights monitors. In addition, three human rights handbooks, on constitutions, parliament and conflict resolution, and a publication for children are to be prepared under the human rights education project currently being implemented.

K. Global assistance survey

43. Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 96/55, paragraph 13, an analysis of all multilateral and bilateral assistance programmes in the field of human rights is being undertaken by OHCHR. Unfortunately, most of the bilateral organizations contacted have not yet responded. It is hoped that the survey will provide useful contextual information for the High Commissioner's system-wide analysis of human rights-related assistance (see section E above).

II. TECHNICAL COOPERATION FIELD ACTIVITIES IN 1997

A. Multi-year national projects completed

44. During 1997, the following three multi-year technical cooperation projects were completed:

In Burundi, a project begun in 1996 which provided assistance to: train the armed forces in human rights and humanitarian law; develop a national human rights education curriculum; strengthen the capacity of the media and NGOs to promote human rights; and strengthen the judiciary in accordance with international human rights standards. A follow-up project has been approved and is being implemented. A copy of the project evaluation is available at the Secretariat.

In Mongolia, a project begun in 1994 aimed at: providing training on human rights in the administration of justice; building human rights capacity for NGOs; facilitating consideration of new legislation adopted to reform the criminal justice system; providing human rights materials to the Faculty of Law and the Supreme Court; and providing advice and assistance in the adoption of new legislation providing a legal framework for NGOs. A copy of the project evaluation is available at the Secretariat.

In Rwanda, a comprehensive project which, among other things, provided assistance with respect to: human rights training for the armed forces, the national police, teachers and NGOs; a national human rights education campaign; and strengthening national capacity to apply international standards concerning detainees. A follow-up project has been approved.

B. New national projects under implementation

45. Implementation of major technical cooperation projects began during 1997 in Burundi (a follow-up project), Ecuador, El Salvador (a follow-up project), Guatemala, Morocco, Namibia, Panama, Papua New Guinea (a follow-up project), Rwanda (a follow-up project) and South Africa. (More information on those projects is contained in annex I.)

C. New regional and global projects implemented

46. Although most of the activities carried out under the technical cooperation programme take place at the national level, a growing number of projects are being implemented at the regional and global levels. During 1997, global activities concerned a wide range of issues, including women's rights, training for peace-keepers and human rights monitors, training for the military, strengthening national human rights institutions and human rights education. Regional activities took place in the African, Asian and Pacific, Latin American and Eastern European regions. For a summary of all global and regional activities undertaken in 1997, see annex I.

D. Field presence

47. As of 31 December 1997, there was a technical cooperation field office staffed by national project managers in El Salvador, Guatemala, Malawi, Mongolia, South Africa and Togo to facilitate the implementation of projects. Those arrangements draw on national expertise to the largest extent possible, strengthening the recipient countries' ownership of technical project cooperation initiatives and contributing to building national human rights capacities. There was also an international project management team established in Gaza (Palestine) given the size and complexity of that project. The increased number of technical cooperation project personnel in the field reflects the growth in large-scale projects intended to provide comprehensive, specialized expertise to recipient countries in key areas such as the strengthening of national human rights institutions or the development of training capacities.

48. A significant number of technical cooperation activities are also being carried out within the framework of OHCHR field presences in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Cambodia and Rwanda. Detailed information on those activities may be found in the relevant reports to the Commission on Human Rights.

E. New projects approved

49. In 1997, 21 projects endorsed by the Board of the Voluntary Fund (if supported under the Fund) were approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Twelve are to be implemented at the national level, three at the regional level and six at the global level. Most provide comprehensive assistance to a variety of national counterparts aimed at strengthening national capacity. The following is a brief description of those projects. More detailed information on each is contained in the project fact sheets, which may be consulted on the United Nations Human Rights Website under "Technical Cooperation". Printed copies of all project fact sheets may be obtained from the Secretariat.

1. National projects

In Burundi, a one-year follow-up project to support efforts to fight impunity and promote reconciliation in Burundi by strengthening the administration of justice and the rule of law. The project supports legal assistance and representation for victims and prisoners appearing before the Court of Appeals.

In Ecuador, a nine-month project to assist the Government in meeting its reporting obligations under international human rights treaties.

In Georgia, a three-year project aimed at providing public access to United Nations human rights information and documentation, strengthening respect for human rights in the administration of justice and developing the human rights capacity of NGOs, the media and civil society.

In Guinea, a one-year project to provide assistance aimed at building national training capacity in the administration of justice, particularly the police and the prison service.

In Honduras, a short-term project focused on assisting the Government in reporting under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR).

In Namibia, a two-year project to strengthen national human rights capacities through support to the human rights documentation centre and justice training centre at the University of Namibia and by providing human rights training and assistance to various government ministries, the judiciary, the Law Reform and Development Commission, police, prison service, defence force and civil society organizations.

In Moldova, the second phase of a multi-year joint project with UNDP for the establishment of a national human rights commission providing support to the Parliamentary Committee in elaborating a plan of action and other assistance activities aimed at strengthening managerial and substantive capacities of the Commission.

In Morocco, a two and half year project to assist Government in implementing a plan of action to introduce human rights into the national education system at the secondary level.

In Panama, a one-year project to assist the police in integrating human rights concerns into their daily work. The project enables police trainers to participate in a regional human rights training programme and supports national initiatives to incorporate human rights in the police training curricula.

In Papua New Guinea, a seven-month follow-up project to facilitate the establishment of a human rights commission through the provision of technical advice and assistance.

In Paraguay, a one-year project to assist the Government in developing a human rights national plan of action.

In South Africa, a two-year project to strengthen national human rights capacities in Government as well as in the Human Rights Commission and Justice College. The project provides for a wide variety of advice and assistance, including a particular focus on economic, social and cultural rights and support to develop a human rights national plan of action.

2. Regional and interregional projects

An annual intergovernmental workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region will be held in Tehran in March 1998.

A two-year regional project to promote greater awareness of the African Charter and provide assistance to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in regard to strengthening its training capacity, developing instructional materials and improving the system for handling country reports and communications. The project also provides for two

preparatory meetings for the substantive preparation of the First African Ministerial Conference on Human and People's Rights, to be held in Luanda in 1998.

A one-week workshop for senior military officials in the Southern African Region with a view to analysing how the armed forces can better integrate human rights into their training programmes and military operations. The workshop was held in Pretoria, South Africa in September 1997.

3. Global projects

Support for the Fourth International Meeting of National Human Rights Institutions to provide an opportunity for the exchange of information and experiences from representatives coming from all regions. The meeting took place in Mexico in November 1997.

A one-week training course for police trainers, which took place in Geneva in November 1997. The course introduced participants from all regions to the police training package developed by the OHCHR.

A four-month project for the dissemination of Universal Declaration of Human Rights in schools by supporting, in cooperation with UNESCO, the preparation of posters and other educational materials suitable for use in schools.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Eastern Slavonia, a major training course on human rights monitoring and law enforcement for International Police Task Force (IPTF) members of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) and for civilian police monitors of the United Nations Transitional Authority for Eastern Slavonia (UNTAES).

Two projects, in cooperation with the Department of Peace-keeping Operations of the United Nations, UNHCR and the ILO Training Centre/UN Staff College Project, on peace-keeping and human rights for military peacekeepers and civilian police trainers. The training took place in April and in October 1997 in Turin.

F. New requests received

50. In recent years, the number of requests from Governments for technical assistance has risen dramatically. This is due to several factors, including a growing awareness among Member States of the need for technical cooperation in the field of human rights; and the development of democratic changes and processes in numerous countries. This has substantially strained both the financial and human resources of the programme, which have not grown commensurately. OHCHR is, however, striving to ensure a timely response to requests, including the mobilizing of additional resources from voluntary contributions.

51. During 1997, requests for assistance were received from the following eight Member States: Chad (strengthening national human rights commission), Cape Verde (reporting obligations), China (human rights documentation),

Ethiopia (needs assessment), Guyana (reporting obligations), Niger (strengthening human rights structures), Sudan (technical assistance) and Zambia (administration of justice).

G. National projects being developed or approved

52. At 31 December 1997, country specific projects were at an advanced stage of preparation or approval for the following 13 countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bolivia, Chile, FYR Macedonia, Gabon, Lesotho, Madagascar, Philippines, Russia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Uganda.

Annex I

TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 1997

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Albania	(a) 3 study tours of human rights NGO representatives included: consultations with agencies, information and documentation management	Voluntary Fund	Feb 1997	
	(b) Provision of human rights bibliography and publications for documentation centre;		Jan-July 1997	
	(c) On-the-job training provided to human rights documentalist by UNV (United Nations Volunteers) Expert		Jan-July 1997	
Argentina	(a) Publication of 2 issues of Human Rights Journal;	Voluntary Fund	June and Nov 1997	Two-year project under implementation since May 1996
	(b) Provision of human rights bibliography and publications for documentation centre;		Jan-Dec 1997	
	(c) Seminar for prison officers;		April 1997	
	(d) Training course for provincial police;		June 1997	
	(e) 2 training courses for lawyers, judges and prosecutors		Nov 1997	
Armenia	(a) Provision of 500 copies of compilation of international human rights instruments in Russian to government and non-governmental institutions	Voluntary Fund	Feb 1997	
	(b) Provision of 500 copies of a human rights brochure in the Armenian language		March 1997	
	(c) Grant provided to local human rights NGO to cover the expenses of organizing workshops		April 1997	
	(d) Translation and publication of 1,000 copies of international human rights covenants into the Armenian language		May 1997	
	(e) 2 training courses on the administration of justice for law professors, lawyers, judges and prosecutors		July 1997	
	(f) Project monitoring mission		July 1997	
	(g) Training course for NGOs on human rights capacity building		Nov 1997 Yerevan	
Bangladesh	Workshop on the establishment of a national human rights commission, conducted by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions	Voluntary Fund	May 1997 Dhaka	In cooperation with UNDP and Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Belarus	Provision of advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions relating to a proposal to establish a national human rights commission	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997 Geneva	Project document elaborated
Benin	Project evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997 Cotonou	Project activities completed
Bhutan	(a) Seminar for judges	Voluntary Fund	March 1997	
	(b) Training course for paralegals		Oct 1997	
	(c) Training course for police		Oct 1997 Thimphu	
Botswana	Programme information mission	Regular Budget	Nov 1997 Gaborone	Cooperation with UNDP to develop a project
Burundi	Project evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	June 1997 Bujumbura	Project activities completed
Burundi (new project)	Project providing legal assistance to defend victims and the accused before the appeal court	Voluntary Fund	May-Dec 1997 Bujumbura	
Cameroon	Report of needs assessment mission sent to Government	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997 Yaoundé	Action pending Government response
Ecuador	Training course on treaty reporting obligations for an Inter-institutional Commission	Voluntary Fund	Dec 1997	
El Salvador	(a) Mission to establish Project Office and initiate project activities undertaken	Voluntary Fund	April 1997	
	(b) Project monitoring mission to establish National Follow-up Committee		June 1997	
	(c) Organization of a human rights commemoration event in cooperation with the Government		Dec 1997	
	(d) Translation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into Braille (Spanish) and indigenous language (Pipil)		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(e) Provision of documentation to provincial public schools		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(f) Publication of three human rights universal, regional and national norms for the protection of children and women		Aug-Sept 1997	
	(g) Advisory services provided for revising police curricula to include human rights issues; proposal presented to the advisory board of the Police Academy for integration of human rights standards in related operative areas		June-July 1997	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
El Salvador (cont.)	(h) Training course for command level police officers		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(i) 4 seminars for police trainers on human rights and law enforcement		Aug 1997	In cooperation with Radda Barnen and the Ombudsman Office
	(j) Provision of 7 fellowships for police trainers to participate in regional training courses on law enforcement		July-Sept 1997	Courses implemented in cooperation with ILANUD
	(k) 1 fellowship for police trainer to participate in training course on human rights and law enforcement and study tour to Spanish police training institutions		Nov 1997	
	(l) Short seminars for prison personnel		Aug 1997	
	(m) Training needs assessment mission for the armed forces and follow-up mission to propose a training programme carried out		June & Sept 1997	
	(n) Training course on human rights and humanitarian law		Nov 1997	
	(o) Training course on reporting obligations to the ECOSOC Committee was provided to an Inter-institutional Commission		Oct 1997	
	(p) Seminar on children's rights		Dec 1997	In cooperation with the National Family Secretariat
	(q) Seminar on women's rights		Dec 1997	In cooperation with the Family, Women and Minor Commission and the Women's National Institute
	(r) Several conferences on human rights		July-Dec 1997	
Equatorial Guinea	(a) Project evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	March 1997	In cooperation with National University and other national institutions
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	(a) Project formulation mission	Voluntary Fund	March 1997	Project document being finalized
Gabon	(a) Needs assessment mission	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997	Report submitted to the Government
	(b) Project formulation mission		Dec 1997	Project document being developed
Georgia	(a) Project formulation mission	Voluntary Fund	Oct 1997	Project signed; to be implemented in 1998
	(b) Provision of detailed expert advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to the Government on legislation to establish a national human rights commission			

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Guatemala	(a) Mission to establish Project Office and initiate project activities	Voluntary Fund	Sept 1997	
	(b) Translation into Spanish of Human Rights and Law Enforcement Manual		Jan-June 1997	
	(c) Training courses on international instruments for representatives of civil society, magistrates, judges and lawyers		Oct-Dec 1997	
	(d) Advisory services to the Ombudsman Office for the investigation of human rights violations		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(e) Advisory services to the Ombudsman Office on indigenous rights		Nov-Dec 1997	
Guinea	(a) Seminar for prison staff	Regular Budget	May 1997	
	(b) Training course for police		Nov 1997	
	(c) Training course for police trainers		Nov 1997	
	(d) French Translation of the Training Manual for Police and provision of 200 copies to the Guinean Police and Police Academy		Nov 1997	
	(e) Expert mission to integrate human rights into the Police Academy curriculum		Dec 1997	
Haiti	(a) Preparation of training seminars on civic education and for NGOs by project coordinator	Voluntary Fund	1997 Port-au-Prince	Last phase of multi-year project under implementation
	(b) Revision of penal code and penal procedures code			
Honduras	(a) Advisory services provided to strengthen Government's capacity for reporting obligations to ECOSOC	Regular Budget	March 1997	
	(b) Training course on reporting obligations to the ICESCR for an Inter-institutional Commission		March 1997	
Latvia	(a) On-site provision of advice and training on institutional development of the Human Rights Office by the senior project adviser	Voluntary Fund	Throughout 1997	
	(b) Extensive provision of advice and several missions by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions on the development and passage of a law for the establishment of a national institution for human rights		Feb, June & Dec 1997	
	(c) Training on children's rights and prevention of violence against children		June 1997	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Latvia (cont.)	(d) Advice and provision of books and resource materials for the National Human Rights Office Documentation Centre		Throughout 1997	
	(e) Production of a newsletter on human rights for the national legislature		Throughout 1997	
	(f) Translation and publication of human rights standards and public information on human rights		Throughout 1997	
	(g) Provision of two legal advisers to analyse human rights problems for people applying for citizenship		Sept-Dec 1997	
	(h) Provision of training and advice on the development of a documentation for the National Human Rights Office		Sept-Dec 1997	
	(i) Provision of equipment necessary for the implementation of the project in the National Human Rights Office		Throughout 1997	
	(j) 3 monitoring missions for participation in the joint UNDP/OHCHR project advisory committee meetings, for planning and review with representatives of the National Human Rights Office		Feb, June & Dec 1997	
	(k) Advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to government ministers and representatives		Throughout 1997 Riga	
Lesotho	Project formulation mission	Regular Budget	Nov 1997 Maseru	Follow-up to needs assessment mission; project document being prepared
Liberia	Provision of expert advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions on draft legislation to establish a national human rights commission	Voluntary Fund	Sept 1997 Geneva	
Madagascar	Project formulation mission	Voluntary Fund	Dec 1997	Project document being developed based on needs assessment
Malawi	(a) Workshop on the establishment of a human rights Commission	Voluntary Fund	Feb 1997	Facilitated by the Special Adviser
	(b) Expert mission to advise on the operations of the National Compensation Tribunal		March-Apr 1997 Lilongwe	Second and final mission to assist the Tribunal
Mali	Needs assessment mission	Voluntary Fund	Oct 1997 Bamako	Project to be funded and implemented in cooperation with UNDP

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Mauritius	(a) Needs assessment report submitted	Voluntary Fund	May 1997	Project document being prepared
	(b) Provision of advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to Government on draft law to establish a national human rights commission		Nov 1997	
Moldova	(a) Expert Workshop of the Draft Law on the establishment of a National Institution	Voluntary Fund	April 1997	Recommendations made to the Parliamentary Committee in drafting legislation to establish the institution
	(b) Advice provided by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions and by an expert consultant on the establishment of a National Institution		May-July 1997	
	(c) Dissemination of human rights publications in English and Russian		April-May 1997	
	(d) Project Evaluation Mission		Sept 1997	
	(e) Elaboration of a new project document		Dec 1997	Signed by the Government; project activities to be implemented in 1998
Mongolia	(a) Expert provision of advice to the Parliamentary Task Force concerning draft law on NGOs	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997	
	(b) Advisory services for the revision of the Criminal Procedure Codes		Jan-Feb 1997	
	(c) Workshop on development of a National Programme on Human Rights Education		March 1997	
	(d) Provision of materials and advice on implementation of a UNESCO project to the National Advisory Group; drafting of a training handout on civil and political rights		March-June 1997	
	(e) Provision of advice to the National Commission on the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights		March 1997	
	(f) Provision of documentation to National University, Faculty of Law, Supreme Court library and OHCHR office			
	(g) Project evaluation mission		June 1997	
	(h) Project document in preparation, based on formulation of proposals for activities prepared by the national coordinator			

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Morocco	(a) 3 national workshops to introduce human rights education in primary and secondary school curricula	Voluntary Fund	April, May & July 1997	First phase of implementation completed; second phase to begin in 1998
	(b) Project monitoring mission and first meeting of the Project Steering Committee		July 1997	
	(c) Preparation of 20 training seminars for "Inspecteurs de l'enseignement"			Seminars to be carried out beginning April 1998
Namibia	(a) Project start-up mission	Voluntary Fund	Sept 1997	Project Steering Committee convened and plan of action drawn up
	(b) Expert mission to set up a documentation centre		Oct 1997	
	(c) Seminar for senior police officials		Nov 1997 Windhoek	
Nepal	(a) Provision of detailed expert advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions on legislation to establish a human rights commission	Voluntary Fund	1997 Geneva	
	(b) 2 fellowships for Government officials on treaty reporting		July 1997 Addis Ababa	
	(c) 2 fellowships for prison administrators		Dec 1997 Katmandu	
Palestine	For the establishment of a legal framework:	Voluntary Fund		Ongoing, multi-component project; Project Office was established and staffed in November 1996 to coordinate the implementation of the project
	(a) Provision of advisory services to the Ministry of Justice and the Legislative Council on draft legislation on prisons		April-Dec 1997	
	(b) Provision of advisory services to the Ministry of Justice on draft legislation on judicial authority and on legislation on the prosecutorial system		July-Dec 1997	
	(c) Provision of computer equipment and documentation to the Ministry of Justice		Feb 1997	
	(d) Provision of advisory services to the Bar Association on a draft law on the legal profession		Aug-Dec 1997	
	(e) Provision of advisory services to women's rights associations on legislation on inheritance		Sept 1997	
	(f) Provision of a fellowship to attend course on legal drafting techniques		Sept-Dec 1997	
	(g) Grant and technical assistance provided to the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights (PICCR) to conduct legal analysis work and to carry out training courses		March-Dec 1997	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Palestine (cont.)	(h) Provision of documentation to PICCR		June 1997	
	(i) Grant and technical assistance provided to the Bir Zeit Law Centre to research sources of legislation to provide a framework for the formulation of future Palestinian laws		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(j) Provision of expertise for the organization of 7 workshops organized by Palestinian institutions		April-Dec 1997	
	(k) Lecture at Bir Zeit University on integration of international human rights standards		Sept 1997	
	For the development of an official policy on human rights: (l) Provision of 2 fellowships to Government officials to attend UN system seminar and UN Commission on Human Rights		March & Aug 1997	
	(m) Provision of documentation to the Presidential Adviser on Human Rights		April 1997	
	(n) Expert participation in a national workshop on the integration of human rights in the Palestinian educational system, as part of the development of a national plan of action for human rights		Oct 1997	
	For the strengthening of national institutions: (o) 3 training courses for police trainers from the Gaza Strip and from the West Bank		July, Sept & Nov 1997 Dec 1997	
	(p) Training course for police commanders		July 1997	
	(q) Provision of training equipment and documentation to the police		Aug 1997	
	(r) Workshop to review police training materials in Gaza		Aug 1997	
	(s) Development of a human rights curriculum for the Palestinian Police and translation of training materials, including a Pocket Guide on Human Rights Standards for the Palestinian Police		May-Dec 1997	
	(t) Participation in 30 human rights training sessions within training courses organized by the Palestinian Police and bilateral donors		May-Dec 1997	
	(u) Grant and technical assistance provided to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights to establish a Women and Group Rights Unit		May-Dec 1997	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Palestine (cont.)	(v) Lecture at Al-Azhar University on the UN human rights system		Feb 1997	
	(w) Project monitoring mission		Sept 1997	
	(x) Publication of a human rights calendar for 1998 in cooperation with a NGO		June - Sept 1997	
Panama	(a) Training needs assessment mission	Voluntary Fund	March 1997	
	(b) Provision of 7 fellowships for police trainers to participate in regional human rights law enforcement training		July-Sept 1997	
	(c) 2 training courses on law enforcement for police and police trainers		Oct 1997	
Papua New Guinea	(a) Project monitoring mission/project formulation mission	Voluntary Fund	May 1997	
	(b) Provision of advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to the Government on the establishment of a national human rights commission		Jan-June 1998	
	(c) Provision of documentation		April 1997	
	(d) Project evaluation mission by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions		May 1997	
Papua New Guinea (second phase)	(a) Training course		Dec 1997	
	(b) Provision of advice by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to the Government on the establishment of a national human rights commission		Aug-Dec 1997	
Paraguay	(a) Consultation mission to elaborate strategy with the Government and civil society for drafting human rights policies	Voluntary Fund	Oct 1997	
	(b) Advisory services to support the Ministry of Justice and Labour in drafting a National Plan of Action		Nov 1997	
	(c) Seminar entitled "Human rights protection systems: the role of the State and the civil society" to share successful and innovative experiences for the protection and promotion of human rights throughout society		Dec 1997 Asunción	
Philippines	Awaiting feedback from the Government on the needs assessment report	Voluntary Fund		
Poland	Project evaluation mission	Voluntary Fund	Oct 1997 Warsaw	
Russian Federation	Project formulation mission	Voluntary Fund	Oct 1997 Moscow	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Rwanda	Training for senior military instructors	Voluntary Fund	Feb 1997	
South Africa	(a) 2 South African Human Rights Commission workshops on a human rights national plan of action	Voluntary Fund	April & July 1997	Facilitated by the Special Adviser on National Institutions
	(b) Expert mission to develop policing training package		Nov-Dec 1997 Johannesburg	
Tanzania	Project formulation mission jointly with UNDP	Voluntary Fund	April-May 1997	Project document submitted to Government for signature
Togo	(a) Training course on the role of NGOs for youth and women's associations, NGOs	Voluntary Fund	May 1997	
	(b) Training course for the media		June 1997	
	(c) Provision of 7 Fellowships for training at the International Human Rights Institute in Strasbourg		June-July 1997 Strasbourg	
	(d) Provision of 2 Fellowships for training at the Canadian Human Rights Commission		Aug 1997 Ottawa	
	(e) Provision of publication of human rights instruments to legal representatives, NGOs and the Documentation Centre		Sept 1997	
	(f) Project monitoring mission		Nov 1997	
	(g) Mid-term evaluation mission		Nov-Dec 1997	
	(h) Assistance in the establishment of the Documentation Centre; provision of publications and materials		Nov-Dec 1997 Lomé	
Uganda	Needs assessment mission	Voluntary Fund	March 1997	Project endorsed by BOT; to be co-supported by UNDP
Viet Nam	(a) Awaiting feedback from the Government on project formulation mission on juvenile justice	Voluntary Fund		
	(b) Participation in workshop for senior Government officials on the possible establishment of a national human rights commission by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions		Feb 1997 Hanoi	
Zambia	Mission by the Special Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Institutions to provide expert advice to Human Rights Commission	Voluntary Fund	May 1997 Lusaka	
Global: Annual fellowship programme	The 1997 fellowship programme, national capacity strengthening of human rights reporting to treaty bodies, was attended by Government officials from 22 Eastern European and CIS countries	Regular budget	Oct 1997 Budapest	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Global: Women's rights	Project for the integration of a gender perspective into technical cooperation practices and procedures:	Voluntary Fund		Project implemented in 1997
	(a) Research consultancy		May-July 1997	
	(b) Consultation mission		Sept 1997 Geneva	
Global: Economic, social and cultural rights	Project for the integration of economic, social and cultural rights into technical cooperation practices and procedures:	Voluntary Fund		Project implemented in 1997
	(a) Research consultancy		May-July 1997	
	(b) Consultation mission		Sept 1997 Geneva	
Global: Peacekeeping, human rights and humanitarian assistance	2 training courses on United Nations peacekeeping, human rights and humanitarian assistance for military and civilian police instructors	Voluntary Fund	April & Oct 1997	Training course organized in cooperation with DPKO and ILO at the UN Staff College
Global: Human rights and peacekeeping	Project evaluation mission of training programme in human rights monitoring and law enforcement for CIVPOL and IPTF monitors in the Former Yugoslavia	Voluntary Fund	Feb-March 1997 Zagreb	
Global: Human rights and peacekeeping (new)	Project formulation mission of second training programme in human rights monitoring and law enforcement for CIVPOL and IPTF monitors in the Former Yugoslavia	Voluntary Fund	Feb 1997	Project document signed by UNMIBH in Dec 1997; project to be implemented in 1998
Global: Human rights and the military	Development of a draft training package for the training of military personnel in human rights	Voluntary Fund	Throughout 1997 Geneva	Text to be reviewed in 1998
Global: Decade for Human Rights Education	(a) Questionnaire for a survey on human rights educational programmes, materials and organizations at the international level finalized; terms of reference for a related database being elaborated	Voluntary Fund	Throughout 1997	
	(b) Preparation of guidelines for national plans of action for human rights education:			
	(1) Expert meeting		Jan 1997	
	(2) Guidelines finalized and published		Oct 1997	A/52/469/Add.1
	(c) Preparation of training materials for prison officers, primary and secondary school teachers, national and local NGOs, the media; and of handbooks on Constitutions & Parliaments and conflict resolution		Throughout 1997	Human rights monitoring manual and training guide finalized in December
	(d) Expert meeting on training materials for human rights monitors		March 1997	
	(e) Expert meeting on training materials for judges and lawyers		May 1997	
	(f) Expert meeting on Handbook on Conflict Resolution		Oct 1997	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Global: Dissemination of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in schools	Preparation of relevant materials to be forwarded to all Ministries of Education in 1998	Voluntary Fund/UNESCO	1996-1998 Geneva (OHCHR) Paris (UNESCO)	Joint project under implementation
Global: Juvenile Justice	Meeting to devise a coordinated UN inter-agency response to requests for assistance in the area of juvenile justice	Regular Budget	Oct 1997 Vienna	
Global: Human rights and the police	Global training course on human rights and law enforcement with a view to expand the pool of police trainers was attended by participants of 5 different languages	Regular Budget	Nov 1997 Geneva	
Interregional: Portuguese-speaking Africa, Commonwealth of Independent States, Central Asia	Training programme for senior military instructors from Portuguese-speaking Africa, CIS and Central Asia carried out	Voluntary Fund		Programme completed; 2 project evaluation missions to be carried out in 1998
Regional: Arab region	Strengthening capacities of non-governmental human rights organizations, in cooperation with the Arab Institute for Human Rights in Tunis	Voluntary Fund		
	(a) Regional human rights training course for NGOs		July 1997 Tunis	
	(b) 2 national human rights training courses		Sept 1997 Yemen Dec 1997 Algeria	
Regional: Latin America (Central America)	Improvement of Central American prison systems (preparatory assistance). Study being undertaken in region and will be discussed in seminar in April 1997. Regional plan of action for improvement of the prisons will be elaborated	Voluntary Fund	Commenced in September 1996	Project under implementation in cooperation with ILANUD
Regional: Asian and Pacific region	Fifth regional workshop to facilitate the establishment of regional arrangements for the protection and promotion of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region	Voluntary Fund	Jan 1997 Amman	
Regional: Asian and Pacific region	Second regional workshop of national institutions in the Asia-Pacific region	Voluntary Fund	Sept 1997 New Delhi	
Regional: Africa	Regional project formulated in partnership with OAU focusing on development of human rights training capacities within military academies in African countries: (a) training course for heads of military academies and staff colleges from Francophone African countries	Voluntary Fund	Dec 1997 Bamako	

Country/region	Activities	Funding source	Date/place	Notes
Regional: Southern Africa	Regional training course for senior military officers of 11 countries of southern Africa	Regular Budget	Sept 1997 Pretoria	
Regional: African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights	3rd Expert Meeting on Drafting Protocol to the African Charter on Human & Peoples' Rights - establishment of African Court		Dec 1997 Addis Ababa	Project document signed by the secretariat of the African Commission of Human and Peoples' Rights in October 1997; two-year project of support to the strengthening of regional human right mechanisms
Regional: Latin America (Central America)	Pilot project for strengthening of the police and improvement of the application of international human rights standards in Central America:	Voluntary Fund		Project under implementation in cooperation with ILANUD
	(a) Project monitoring mission		March 1997	
	(b) Elaboration of 12 study cases, based on common human rights violations by Costa Rican police, for use in training courses		Jan-May 1997	In cooperation with the National Police of Costa Rica
	(c) 3 regional training courses on human rights and law enforcement for police officials of the subregion		July, Aug & Sept 1997	
	(d) Provision of 30 fellowships for police officers and trainers of the subregion to attend courses in human rights and law enforcement		July-Sept 1997	
	(e) Research on "good community policing practices" elaborated in Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua and El Salvador		Jan-Dec 1997	
Regional: Latin America (Central America)	Project for the improvement of Central American prison systems (preparatory assistance):	Voluntary Fund		
	(a) Project monitoring mission		March 1997	
	(b) Six studies on prisoners' conditions in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica and Guatemala were undertaken; national workshops to discuss the findings and to draft penitentiary policies will be organized		Jan-Dec 1997	
Regional: Latin America (Andean region)	Project for the establishment of a network of judicial information and the training of magistrates in the Andean region	Voluntary Fund		Project under implementation in cooperation with the Andean Commission of Jurists
	(a) Advisory services provided			
	(b) Consultation meeting with judiciary representatives of Andean countries to discuss their human rights training needs and evaluate progress of the database on judicial indicators		Oct 1997	

Annex II

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Annual balance sheet as of 31 December 1997*
(working paper for programming purposes)

		US dollars
1.	INCOME IN 1997	
1.1	Pledges and contributions received in 1997	5 230 812
1.2	Interest income	824 816
1.3	Total income	6 055 628
2.	EXPENDITURE IN 1997	
2.1	Unliquidated obligations and disbursement	4 967 627
2.2	Programme support costs	645 792
2.3	Total expenditure	5 613 419
3.	AVAILABLE PROGRAMMING RESOURCES	
3.1	Programming resources accumulated as of 31 December 1997 (Item 1.3 less item 2.3)	442 209
3.2	Fund balance as of 1 January 1997 (Funds accumulated as of 31 December 1996)	6 069 904
3.3	Total available programming resources	6 512 113

* This balance sheet has been prepared by the OHCHR. As such, it should not be considered a United Nations financial document. The sources of information are the quarterly status report on contributions to the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation as of 31 December 1997 (which is available at the Secretariat) and the statements of income and expenditure as of 31 December 1996 and 31 December 1997 which are issued by the Accounts Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva. The figures given under item 5 are estimates based upon the relevant project budgets.

		US dollars
4.	PROJECTED BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS	
4.1	Ongoing projects (Financial requirements to carry out ongoing project activities)	10 392 708
4.2	Pipeline projects (Total budget for project proposals in an advanced stage of preparation)	7 725 101
4.3	Total requirements	18 117 809
5.	ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	
5.1	Requirements for ongoing projects only (Item 4.1 less item 3.3)	3 880 595
5.2	Overall funding requirements for ongoing and pipeline projects (Item 4.3 less item 3.3)	11 605 696

Annex III

Contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights as of 31 December 1997

Government	1987 & 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Total paid by Country	Outstanding Pledge	Total paid including Pledge
Australia	-	-	8,815	15,601	-	13,480	234,300	802,446	63,840	164,620	-	1,303,102	0	1,303,102
Austria	10,000	10,000	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	19,982	19,983	-	-	139,965	100,000	239,965
Belgium	-	-	-	-	134,284	265,509	402,055	522,097	432,690	84,560	-	1,841,195	84,560	1,925,755
Cameroun	-	-	-	-	-	1,811	-	-	-	-	-	1,811	0	1,811
Canada	113,636	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,632	-	-	-	186,268	0	186,268
Colombia	-	-	-	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	9,580	10,000	-	69,580	0	69,580
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	500	2,000	-	3,000	0	3,000
Denmark	-	-	108,493	264,492	51,640	218,665	244,600	110,000	268,408	253,807	-	1,520,105	250,000	1,770,105
Finland	12,195	71,288	135,160	370,719	324,855	186,350	210,338	247,965	220,708	190,008	-	1,969,586	0	1,969,586
France	-	115,229	175,116	342,894	103,373	127,273	245,776	254,635	135,397	161,031	-	1,660,724	0	1,660,724
Germany	24,054	21,755	23,557	23,454	26,931	71,411	171,454	144,927	136,986	211,132	-	855,661	25,568	881,229
Greece	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	38,000	0	38,000
Hungary	-	2,500	2,500	-	2,485	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,485	0	7,485
India	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	19,986	-	39,986	0	39,986
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,000	0	16,000
Ireland	-	-	-	3,572	5,815	14,805	45,120	145,728	117,750	229,240	-	562,030	0	562,030
Italy	50,000	19,985	257,585	133,543	634,921	193,065	-	-	-	-	-	1,289,099	0	1,289,099
Japan	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	100,000	100,000	500,000	600,000	800,000	-	-	2,250,000	0	2,250,000
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,880	-	19,880	0	19,880
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	3,000	0	3,000
Luxembourg	-	-	-	5,934	6,050	5,571	136,000	149,200	17,698	-	-	320,453	0	320,453
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	0	5,000
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	20,000	0	20,000
Netherlands	46,713	50,652	60,676	-	-	-	282,638	206,940	-	-	-	647,619	177,166	824,785
New Zealand	10,432	9,392	9,432	9,427	25,268	15,957	21,442	19,823	51,055	53,088	-	225,316	0	225,316
Norway	157,356	152,200	8,256	253,008	-	376,845	50,350	785,000	103,983	-	-	1,886,998	775,000	2,661,998
Panama	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	-	2,000	-	9,000	0	9,000
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	5,000	0	5,000
Portugal	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	5,000	15,000
Rep of Korea	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	-	450,000	0	450,000
South Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,123	101,034	-	126,157	0	126,157
Sweden	334,616	-	31,543	332,881	607,619	487,954	-	764,365	369,656	394,477	-	3,323,111	59,494	3,382,605
Switzerland	-	-	36,424	41,059	59,626	63,509	213,406	179,332	211,207	125,000	-	929,563	616,438	1,546,001
Togo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	1,832	1,832
United Kingdom	34,820	56,775	8,685	57,370	-	52,923	-	212,729	46,153	238,845	-	708,300	0	708,300
United States	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,000	1,025,000	-	900,000	-	2,123,000	0	2,123,000
Uruguay	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0	1,000
Sub-Totals	**793,822**	**560,776**	**917,242**	**1,949,954**	**2,118,867**	**2,247,128**	**3,091,479**	**6,381,301**	**3,189,717**	**3,316,708**	**0**	**24,566,994**	**2,095,058**	**26,662,052**

Contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights
as of 31 December 1997

Non Governmental Organization	1987 & 1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total paid by Organization	Outstanding Pledge	Total paid including Pledge
Fond Cult Islamique	5,282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,282	0	5,282
Minnesota Lawyers Int HR Committee	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	0	100
Peace Prize to UN Centre for Human Rights	-	4,269	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,269	0	4,269
Others Organizations													
Sale of UN Human Rights Watches	-	15,814	8,853	-	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	32,667		32,667
K Winckler Trust	-	-	-	73,969	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,969	0	73,969
Japan Fed Bar Associations	-	-	-	43,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,595	0	43,595
Sub-Totals	**5,382**	**20,083**	**8,853**	**117,564**	**0**	**8,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**159,882**	**0**	**159,882**
Grand Total	**799,204**	**580,859**	**926,095**	**2,067,518**	**2,118,867**	**2,255,128**	**3,091,479**	**6,381,301**	**3,189,717**	**3,316,708**	**24,726,876**	**2,095,058**	**26,821,934**